

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 11-13 remain in the application, and are now in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Claim 8 has been amended to the form it was at the time of the office action mailed March 26, 2004, and to incorporate the features of claim 10. In the March 26, 2004, office action, the Examiner indicated that claim 10 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In the office action mailed September 21, 2004, this position was repeated by the Examiner. In this amendment, the undersigned has effectively eliminated the features added to claim 8 in the amendment filed June 24, 2004, and to include the features of claim 10. Therefore, as presently presented, claim 8 should now be allowed. Claims 11-13 depend from amended claim 8 and should now also be allowable.

The amendment overcomes the rejection of claims 8, 9, 12 and 16 for anticipation by U.S. Patent 6,680,240 to Maszara, and places the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date is requested.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

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